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Response to Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 25-0115.

In response to the Election/Restriction requirement dated September 25, 2001, the Applicant elects **WITH TRAVERSE** Group I, claims 1-8 and 17 for prosecution. However, the Applicant alleges that the Election/Restriction requirement is improper since the original claims 1-11 as filed in the International Application (PCT/JP98/05807) included an examination on all the claims. Therefore, at least Groups I and III (claims 1-8 and 17, and claims 9-11 and 14-16) should be similarly examined in this instance. Reconsideration and withdraw of the